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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 11-21, 25-30, 35-37 and 39-170 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 101, 141 and 167-170 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-8, 11-21, 25-30, 32-37, 39-100, 102-140 and 142-166 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Amendment and Petition for Time Extension filed by Applicant on 03/31/05 has been entered.
2. Claims 9-10, 22-24, 31-34 and 38 have been canceled.
3. New claims 39-170 have been added.

Response to Amendment/Arguments

4. Applicant's amendment and arguments filed on 03/12/02 have been fully considered and they are found persuasive.
5. The rejection of claims 1-38 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Murasawa et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,547,823 (hereinafter "Murasawa") is withdrawn.
6. The rejection of claims 1-38 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kimura et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,407,033 (hereinafter "Kimura") is withdrawn.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. Claims 1, 101, 141 and 167-170 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

9. Claims 1, 101, 141 and 167-170 are problematic. The Applicants recite "selected from the group of different compounds each of which independently comprises at least one structural unit selected from the group consisting of" (emphasis added). First, what are the different compounds? Second, "comprises" should not be inserted when using a Markush format. Finally, there is a second Markush limitation that is proper but it is unclear if it is related to the first Markush limitation.

10. The claims express alternative limitation and should be written in a proper Markush format. Alternative expressions are

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permitted if they present no uncertainty or ambiguity with respect to the question of scope or clarity of the claims. One acceptable form of alternative expression, which is commonly referred to as a Markush group, recites members as being "selected from the group consisting of A, B and C" or wherein the group is A, B or C. See Ex parte Markush, 1925 C.D. 126 (Comm'r Pat. 1925). It is improper to use the term "comprising" along with "consisting of." See Ex parte Dotter, 12 USPQ 382 (Bd. App. 1931). It is suggested that the Applicant adopt a standard Markush format. See MPEP 2173.05(h).

11. Claims 1, 101, 141 and 167-170 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

12. Claims 2-8, 11-21, 25-30, 32-37, 39-100, 102-140 and 142-166 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

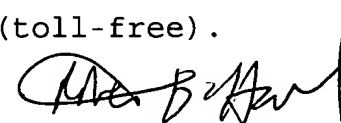
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Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert D. Harlan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1102. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 10 AM - 8 PM.

14. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David W. Wu can be reached on (571) 273-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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